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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR

ENDING

31st. DECEMBER. 1966

OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

C.C. Dowding, Cert. S.I.E.B.,
Meat & Other Foods Cert. R.S.I.

Mr. Dowding, in addition, holds the post of Borough Surveyor.

DEPUTY SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

R. Cowley, Cert. S.I.E.B., Meat
& Other Foods Cert. R.S.I.

SENIOR MEAT INSPECTOR.

D.M. Hale, M.R.C.V.S.

AUTHORISED MEAT OFFICERS

K. Butler
F.H. J. Cleverly
D. R. Shepherd
R. J. Slade
J. E. Turner.

SECRETARY TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

S.G.V. Williamson, Cert. R.I.P.H.H.

The two committees of the Borough Council dealing directly with public health matters are:-

Health, Housing & Town Planning Committee
Water and Sewerage Committee.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
Calne Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1966 in accordance with Regulation 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Copies of the Report are required by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, the Ministry of Housing & Local Government and H.M. Inspector of Factories; a copy is also sent to the County Medical Officer of Health.

The Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. C.C. Dowding is incorporated and provides much detailed information on environmental health within the Borough.

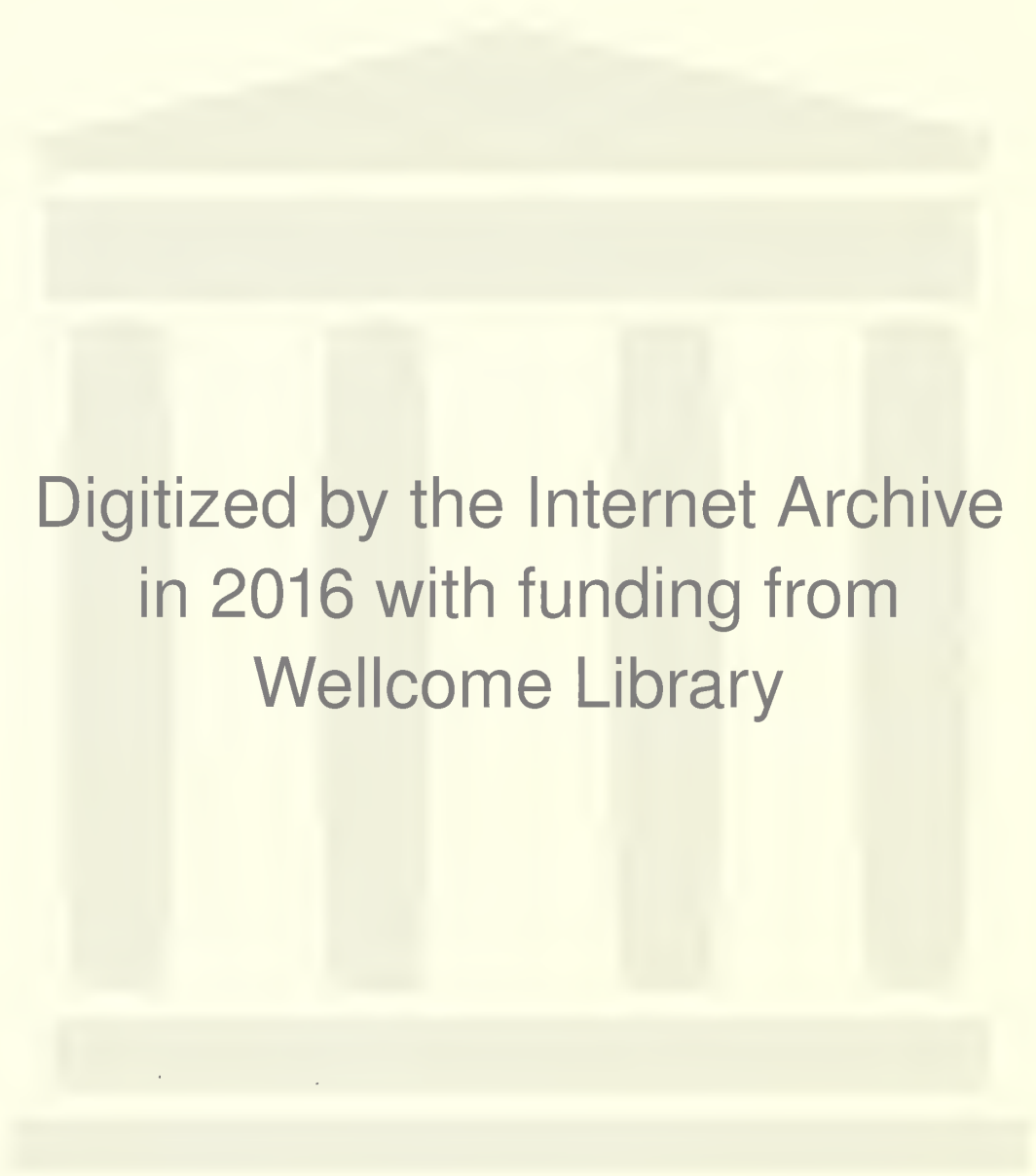
I am grateful to Mr. Dowding and the staff of the Council for their co-operation and assistance during the year under review.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C.L. BROOMHEAD.

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERALSTATISTICS.

Area in acres		1,276
Population		8,920
Number of inhabitable houses (end of 1966 according to the Rate Book)		2,825
Number of Council dwellings at the end of 1966		973
Number of applicants for council dwellings at the end of 1966		340
Rateable Value		£288,889
Sum represented by the Penny Rate		£1,150. 5. 2d.

VITALSTATISTICSBirth & Death Rates as compared with other areas.

(Births and Deaths per 1,000 population) standardised*

	<u>Birth Rate</u>		<u>Death Rate</u>	
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Calne Borough	18.5	19.9	10.9	10.4
Calne & Chippenham RDC	21.3	20.0	10.4	9.3
Wiltshire	19.6	18.7	10.2	10.4
England & Wales	18.0	17.7	11.5	11.7

* Comparability figures are supplied to each district by the Registrar General. These take into account the varying age/sex distribution of the population in different parts of the Country. When applied to the local rates, they allow a more accurate comparison to be made between different areas.

STILL BIRTHS

Four still births were notified during the year under review. The rate per 1000 live and still births is 16.2. The comparative rate for England & Wales is 15.4

INFANT MORTALITY.Deaths of Infants

	<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit</u>	<u>Illegit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>
Under 1 year of age	4	4	-	3	3	-
Under 4 weeks of age	4	4	-	3	3	-
Under 1 week of age	3	3	-	3	3	-

Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births.. .. 38.6
Comparative rate for England & Wales 19.0

The high infant mortality rate has no statistical significance in view of the small numbers involved.

DEATHS

The following deaths were notified during 1966.

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
38	42	80

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	4	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	4	8
Coronary disease, angina	13	9	22
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2
Other heart disease	2	10	12
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Pneumonia	-	2	2
Bronchitis	3	-	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	8	13
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	-	1	1
Suicide	-	1	1

TOTAL ALL CAUSES	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>80</u>
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More than half of the deaths occurring in the Borough during 1966 were due to Cancer, Coronary disease and Heart disease collectively.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Cases of infectious disease notified during 1966, together with comparative figures for preceding years since 1963, are as follows:-

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>1963</u>		<u>1964</u>		<u>1965</u>		<u>1966</u>	
	<u>a.</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>a.</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>a.</u>	<u>b.</u>	<u>a.</u>	<u>b.</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	2	2	-	-	3	3
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	16	16	125	125	215	215	21	21
Dysentery	111	111	-	-	4	4	18	18
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	-	-	7	7	1	1	1	1
TOTALS:-	<u>129</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>

"a" = Nos. originally notified. "b" = final numbers after correction

Notifiable diseases are those conditions defined in the appropriate sections of Public Health Legislation, and the number is limited.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (CONTINUED)

At present, some notifiable diseases are largely of historic value and are of little public health importance nowadays. Notification serves two main purposes, it is of epidemiological and statistical value to the Ministry of Health and Major Authorities and is of immediate importance in the control of infectious disease among the local community. Early notification is essential if control measures are to be effective.

A total of eighteen confirmed cases of dysentery were investigated during the year. These cases were distributed among eight families. No common epidemiological factor came to light. Control measures included the exclusion of school children and food handlers until found to be bacteriologically free from infection.

The more serious infections, e.g. Smallpox, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever and Poliomyelitis were conspicuous by their absence.

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year under review, no new cases of tuberculosis were notified, and there were no deaths due to this disease. Apart from new cases which may be notified from year to year, a certain proportion of tuberculous persons either move into the Borough or move out. According to the Register of Tuberculous Persons, the following notified and confirmed cases were living in the Borough at the end of 1966.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Respiratory	8	6	14
Non-respiratory	5	2	7
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>

There were 26 cases on the Register at the end of 1965.

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - IMMUNISATION & VACCINATION.

Under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1948 provision for vaccination against Smallpox, Diphtheria and such other diseases as the Minister may approve, is the responsibility of the County Council Health Committee. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is available from one's family doctor and from County Council Child Welfare Immunisation Clinics. Triple antigen is now universally used and a course of injections with vaccine protects against all these diseases. With older children, vaccine immunising against Diphtheria and Tetanus, or Tetanus alone is available. Polio vaccination, using Sabin oral vaccine is offered at Clinics and by General Practitioners. Smallpox vaccination is carried out by the General Practitioners at their patient's request

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - IMMUNISATION AND
VACCINATION (CONTINUED)

I am indebted to Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures concerning immunisation and vaccination procedures carried out in the Borough during the year.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus.

<u>Year of Birth.</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Others</u>
							<u>1961</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>under</u>
									<u>16</u>
Primary imms completed during 1966	Diph	97	111	4	1	3	8	1	-
	Wh/c	97	111	4	-	-	1	-	-
	Tet	97	111	4	1	3	15	5	-
Reinf. injects. administered during 1966.	Diph	-	25	68	11	15	158	5	-
	Wh/c	-	12	14	3	2	8	-	-
	Tet	-	25	68	13	15	167	14	-

Smallpox

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Months</u>				<u>Years</u>		
	<u>0-3</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>6-9</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>5-15</u>
Vaccinations	1	1	4	4	99	20	5
Re-Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	5	20

Poliomyelitis.

<u>Age Group</u>	3rd Quad.inj.	2nd. or 4	3rd.inj. or 4	4th. Quad.inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 injs.	4 oral after 3 injs. or 3 oral.
1966	-	-	-	-	92	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-	100	1	19
1964	-	-	-	-	26	1	8
1963	-	-	-	-	10	-	2
1962	-	-	-	-	7	-	2
1957-1961	-	-	-	1	26	26	109
1951-1956	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other over 16	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	1	271	31	144

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES.

The County Council Health Committee provide the following Health Services:-

1. The care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children.
2. Provision of midwives and maternity nurses,
3. Provision of Health Visitors. A new development is the arrangement whereby Health Visitors will work in closer liaison with General Practitioners.
4. Home Nurses.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES (CONTINUED)

5. Arrangements for vaccination and immunisation.
6. Ambulances.
7. Mental Health Services.
8. Home Helps. Such help is available if members of a household are ill, lying-in, suffering from mental illness or aged. A charge is made for such services.
9. Arrangements for the prevention of illness, care and after-care.
10. Health Education.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

School Health Services are provided by the County Education Committee. In addition to the routine inspection of children of certain age groups in Schools, a variety of facilities are provided with the aim of finding, assessing and treating physical and mental handicaps, so helping the child to make the best use of education.

To - The Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of
The Borough of Calne.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year, 1966.

With the continued expansion of the Borough positive steps have been taken to plan the Public Health services to keep in step with the development. To this end discussions have taken place with neighbouring Authorities culminating in the establishment of a new Disinfection Plant at Chippenham and agreement in principle to share the cost of building and operating a new Refuse Destruction Plant.

Schemes for dealing with sewage problems in the Lickhill area and the enlargement of the Sewage Disposal Works are well in hand.

In the sphere of Housing the Borough Council declared a Clearance Area in Curzon Street and steps are being taken to acquire the houses and land.

The scheme for securing a 100% meat inspection in the slaughterhouses within the Borough is operating well.

I am indebted to the members of the Public Health Committee, Dr. Broomhead, The Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Cowley, Deputy Public Health Inspector and other members of the staff for their support throughout the year.

I am Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CLIFFORD C. DOWLING.

Senior Public Health Inspector.

RAINFALL. 1966.

The rainfall is recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works, the reading being taken at 9 a.m. each day. From this information, the following table is compiled.

<u>MONTH.</u>	<u>TOTAL RAINFALL</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>GREATEST FALL</u> <u>IN 24 HOURS.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS</u> <u>WITH .01" OR</u> <u>MORE.</u>
January.	1.349	.285	15
February.	3.286	.65	21
March.	0.490	.1	11
April.	3.452	.8	20
May.	1.994	.42	13
June.	1.275	.5	11
July.	1.909	.41	14
August.	6.860	2.0	12
September.	1.093	.33	10
October.	4.001	.84	16
November.	1.838	.65	11
December.	2.925	.64	18

The total rainfall for the year was 30.472 inches.

The wettest days were August 28th and 29th both being 2.0.

The driest month was March and the wettest month was August.

WATER.

The water undertaking is operated by the North Wilts Water Board.

Samples of "consumer water" i.e. treated water from household taps, are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Bath each week.

During the year under review 51 samples of Chlorinated water submitted and 50 of these proved to be satisfactory. The unsatisfactory sample showed insufficient chlorination of the water following repairs to the main. A series of check samples quickly showed that the required dosage had been restored to the water supply. Information on unsatisfactory samples is referred immediately to the North Wilts Water Board for action.

From time to time tests are also taken to establish the degree of residual chlorine present in the water.

WATER SUPPLY. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CIRCULAR 1/67.

- (a) The water supply has been generally satisfactory.
- (b) No Bacteriological samples of raw water have been taken.
- (c) The water supply is not plumbo solvent.
- (d) Where contamination of piped water is detected as a result of routine sampling the North Wilts Water Board are informed immediately.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

It is estimated that the percentage of all inhabited houses in the Borough not connected to the sewer is less than 2% and this is due to insufficient fall and isolation.

It is hoped to reduce this percentage still further by sewerage the extreme Northern part of the Borough with the aid of a pumping station and a scheme has been prepared.

The Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing a scheme to enlarge the existing Sewage Disposal Works to cope with development which has taken place within the Borough, and proposed development.

The following figures indicate the cost of the service.

EXPENDITURE.INCOME.

	Actual 1965/66.	Estimate 1966/67.	Probable 1966/67.		Actual 1965/66.	Estimate 1966/67.	Probable 1966/67.
Wages & Insurance.	3356	3600	3431	M/s Harris.	900	900	900
Rates.	1100	1165	1278	Invest Income.	61	60	60
Admin. & Office.	170	163	133	Calne & Chip. R.D.C.	571	587	604
Main. & Mat.	1151	940	793				
Power & Light.	616	720	648				
Transport & Hire.	280	300	300				
Sundries.	91	120	95	Sale of Soil.	103	-	35
Loan Charges.	11730	11875	11568				
<u>Plant and Equipment.</u>							
Tractor Cap. Inst.	284	284	284	Use of Tractor.	319	200	290
Tractor Running Exp.	219	315	253				
Dumper.	16	20	20				

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The Council operates a weekly collection of household refuse using direct labour. Salvage is collected each Monday. The service continues to operate satisfactorily despite the increased demands consequent upon a growing population. This has necessitated an increase of the collection staff and a new refuse vehicle has also been added.

The refuse from the Borough is disposed of by the Sanitary Landfill Method, the refuse being dumped in the sand workings of a Local Company and covered with top soil to reclaim the land which has been exposed.

The cost of collecting within the Borough is reflected in the following table. (See Page 3.).

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

CONT....

EXPENDITURE.

INCOME.

	<u>Actual</u> <u>1965/66.</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1966/67.</u>	<u>Probable.</u> <u>1966/67.</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>1965/66.</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1966/67.</u>	<u>Probable.</u> <u>1966/67.</u>
Admin & Office.	118	117	140	Sale of Waste Paper.	1346	1500	1292
Mach. & Veh.	131	120	150	Use of Vehicle.	1	-	5
Transport.	899	1200	1013	Other Income.	31	35	31
Wages & Ins.	5742	7400	7623				
Cont'n to Swimming Pool Fund.	659	813	605				
Refuse Veh. Cap. Ins.	372	500	562				

NEW HOUSING.

163 units were completed during the year and the following table indicates the rate of progress by the Local Authority, Private Enterprise and a Housing Association.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCAL AUTHORITY.</u>		<u>PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.</u>		<u>HOUSING ASSOCIATION.</u>	
	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETED.</u>	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETED.</u>	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETED.</u>
January.	84	4	86	3	-	4
February.	63	33	78	8	-	-
March.	45	-	87	12	-	-
April.	24	12	75	14	-	-
May.	29	4	73	3	-	-
June.	24	5	71	14	-	-
July.	20	4	69	9	-	-
August.	16	4	72	3	-	-
September.	25	3	68	15	-	-
October.	32	-	65	4	-	-
November.	41	-	64	2	-	-
December.	50	2	63	1	-	-
		<u>71</u>		<u>88</u>		<u>4</u>

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.HOUSE PURCHASE ACT, 1959 as amended byTHE HOUSING ACTS 1961 and 1964.Standard Grants for Improvement of Dwellings.

14 Grants totalling £2,286 were approved during the year. The following table indicates the amenities provided.

Grants Approved.				Amenities.				
	Appl'ns Rec'd & Approved.	Grants Paid.	Amount	Bath.	Wash Basin.	H. W. Supply.	W.C.	Food Store.
January.	-	4	£577	5	5	5	4	5
February.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
March.	1	1	£155	1	1	1	1	1
April.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May.	2	1	£155	1	1	1	1	1
June.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July.	2	1	£155	1	1	1	1	1
August.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September.	2	2	£505	2	2	2	2	2
October.	2	3	£429	3	3	3	3	3
November.	2	2	£310	2	2	2	2	2
December.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	16	14	£2,286	15	15	15	14	15

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.

There were also three Discretionary Grants approved and paid during 1966 totalling £1,200.

CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR (RENT ACT, 1957).

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair or for any other certificates prescribed by the Act.

SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Council houses are no longer being sold to the tenants.

COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST.

The number of people on the Council's waiting list at the 31st December, 1966 was 240 (Approximately).

IMPROVED COUNCIL HOUSES.

The work on the improvement of 25 Council houses was commenced during the year.

PROPERTIES IN CLEARANCE AREAS.

The Borough Council declared a Clearance Area in Curzon Street and steps are being taken to acquire the houses, buildings and land.

RODENT CONTROL. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council employ a part-time rodent operator to treat all premises in the Borough where rats or mice are reported. Extensive use is made of Warfarin, one of the better anti-coagulants, to destroy rats and mice, but acute poisons such as zinc-phosphide and arsenious oxide are also used in conjunction with various baits, in an effort to avoid an immunity being built up against Warfarin.

Hydrogen cyanide has also been used effectively, under proper weather conditions, in the treatment of the refuse tip and river banks.

The sewer network within the Borough has treated twice during the year and no serious infestation is apparent.

It has not been necessary to take legal proceedings against any owner or occupier, under the Act.

The following table provides a summary of the years work.

Measure of Control by Local Authority.					
	Type of Property.				
	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses.	Agricultural.	All other including business & Industrial Premises.	TOTAL.
1. Total number of properties in the L.A.'s District.	6	2850	13	452	3321
2. Number of properties inspected by the L.A. as a result of					
(a) Notification.	(a) 1	41	3	12	57
(b) Otherwise.	(b) 5	23	2	4	34
3. Number of properties (under 2) found to be infested by rats.	(Major) -	1	-	-	1
	(Minor) 6	56	5	14	81
4. Number of properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by Mice.	-	1	-	2	3
5. Number of properties infested (under 3 & 4) treated by the Local Authority.	6	61	5	16	88
6. Revisits.	75	146	15	49	285

THE SLAUGHTER OF PIGS (ANAESTHESIA) REGULATIONS, 1958.

Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Limited continue to slaughter pigs using the CO₂ chamber method. This is licensed by the Borough Council and a Certificate of approval under Regulations 9, is in force. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are informed that the apparatus is in use.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957.

The Borough Council exercise powers of delegation under the above Order and four boiling plants are licensed and inspected.

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1963.STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1963/1229.INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The Borough Council continues to provide a 100% meat inspection service at the two slaughterhouses within the Borough. At the slaughterhouse of Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Limited the full time inspectorate consists of a Veterinary Officer and five Authorised Meat Inspectors.

During the year 179,656 pigs were slaughtered and examined at this factory.

At the other slaughterhouse, that of Messrs. L. & O. Hawkins, the inspection is carried out by the Council's two Public Health Inspectors, this duty being largely carried out after normal working hours. This slaughterhouse caters mainly for the slaughter of animals destined for sale at the Central Markets, Smithfield, London, but also serves the requirements of butchers in the Borough and the surrounding areas.

The amount of money recovered from Messrs. Hawkins for inspection services provided throughout the year 1966 was £422. 8. 9.

The following table reflects the years work at Messrs. Hawkins slaughterhouse :-

	<u>Cattle exclud- ing Cows.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep and lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Goats.</u>
Number killed :	416	9	4887	5470	1385	6
Number Inspected :	416	9	4887	5470	1385	6

The following carcasses or parts of carcasses were condemned :-

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.

Whole Carcasses.	-	-	41	14	14	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned :	44	3	91	607	270	-

Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.

10.6%	33.3%	2.7%	11.3%	20.5%	-
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Tuberculosis only.

No other animals were affected with tuberculosis except pigs. 3 parts of carcasses were condemned representing 0.216% of the total.

Cystercercus Bovis.

3 cases were demonstrated representing .706% of the total.

CONDEMNATION OF FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN AT THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

The following foodstuffs were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption. The several owners voluntarily surrendered the food to be destroyed and Certificates were issued accordingly.

124 tins meat.	21 tins beans.
35 tins vegetables.	150 tins tomatoes.
25 tins soup.	105 tins fish.
232 tins fruit.	17 tins milk.
13 tins spaghetti.	17 tins peas.
6 tins stew.	1 tin curry.
1 tin preserves.	
10 pkts. Frozen potatoes.	7 pkts. Frozen peas.
10 pkts. Frozen fish.	6 pkts. Frozen beans.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1960 and 1963.

Licences were issued for various designated milks to four dealers by the Borough Council under the Delegation Agreement with the Wiltshire County Council.

Since 31st December, 1965 dealer's licences granted will continue in force for a period of five years.

Regular sampling was carried out by Officers of the Authority and the following table indicates the range and frequency of the sampling.

<u>GRADE.</u>	<u>SAMPLING & SOURCE.</u>	<u>EXAMINATION REQUIRED.</u>	<u>SAMPLING FREQUENCY.</u>
Untreated T.T.	Producer/Retailers & Distributors.	Methylene Blue & Biological.	Monthly. Quarterly.
T.T. Pasteurised.	Distributors.	Phosphatase & Methylene Blue.	Quarterly.
Pasteurised.	Distributors.	Phosphatase & Methylene Blue.	Monthly.

During the year the following samples were purchased and analysed at the Public Health Laboratory, Bath.

	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Void.</u>
Untreated.	21	-	-
Untreated Channel Islands.	11	-	-
Pasteurised.	27	-	-
Pasteurised Channel Islands.	19	-	-
	78	-	-

In addition 5 sets of bottle rinses were submitted for bacterial examination and all gave satisfactory results.

16 samples of untreated milk were submitted for biological examination during the year, and all were found to be free from Tuberculosis. Two samples, however, were found to be positive on ring test for Brucella Abortus and the details were passed to the Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for investigation at the farm concerned.

ICE CREAM.

19 premises within the Borough are registered for the storage, and sale of ice cream. In addition three mobile shops tour the area regularly. 86 samples of ice cream were purchased and sent for analysis to the Public Health Laboratory at Bath, during the year.

The results indicate that 84 ice creams were Grade I, and 1 ice cream was Grade II. One sample was declared void owing to the breakage of the glass container.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

Regular inspections are made of all food premises within the Borough under the provisions of the above Regulations. In the main the premises are found to be quite sound structurally, as a result of previous visits. Minor infringements are found from time to time and these have been dealt with very satisfactorily through a policy of informal action and instruction so that it has not been necessary to take legal proceedings against any food trader during the year. The staffs of Wiltshire County Council School kitchens were visited before each term and given a 'pep talk' on food handling.

The 96 food premises in the Borough may be classified as follows :-

Bakehouses.	2	Cafes and snack bars.	3
Confectioners.	14	Butchers.	8
Fried Fish shop.	1	Grocers.	15
Bakers Shops.	2	Meat Manufacturing Premises.	1
Green Grocers.	7	Halls, Canteens.	14
Boarding houses & Hotels.	3	Public Houses, Off Licences & Clubs.	20
Central School Kitchen.	1		
School Kitchens.	5		

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

H.M. Inspector has been asked to report on the office block of Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Galne) Limited, which falls into a special category. Broadly speaking all premises as defined in the Act have been registered with the Local Authority and subsequent inspections made to ensure compliance with the Act and Regulations.

The following table is taken from the Annual Report sent to the Minister of Labour and shows the progress made to date.

NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED AND INSPECTED.

<u>PREMISES REGISTERED.</u>		<u>PREMISES INSPECTED.</u>	
Offices.	21		14
Retail Shops.	55		55
Wholesale shops warehouses.	6		6
Catering Establishments.	6		6
Fuel Storage Depots.	3		3

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED.

Offices.	91
Retail Shops.	288
Catering Establishments. (Open to the Public).	44
Canteens.	30
Fuel Storage Depots.	17
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses.	93
	<u>563</u>

Total Males.	284.	Total Females.	279.
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THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

FIVE sites are at present licensed, and these are visited periodically to ensure compliance with the licensing conditions.

No new sites have been licensed during the year under review.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937-1959.

The following is a summary of the working of the Act as it effects the Local Authority. No certificates are now issued in respect of means of escape in case of fire.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Notices.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4, & 6, are enforced by Local Authority.	5	21	3	NIL.
Factories NOT included in the above (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	38	41	13	NIL.
Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority. (Excluding Outworkers)	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

OUTWORKERS.

There are no outworkers within the Borough and no firms sending out work.

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
Want of Cleanliness.	8	0	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage and Floors.	-	-	-

<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Prosecutions.</u>
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable and Defective.	4	4	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-

SUMMARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.VISITS.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.	-	146
Under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	-	55
Under the Public Health Act, 1936.	-	1207
Under the Food and Drugs Act.	-	1960
Under the Housing Act, 1957.	-	242
Under the Factories Act, 1937-1948.	-	807
Under the Building Regulations 1965 (Excluding Drains)	-	128
Drains.	-	68
Miscellaneous Visits.	-	3780

